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1. At the town of Svishtov there is no bridge over the Danube River between Bulgaria and Rumania. There is no evidence of pontoons or other materials which might indicate imminent construction of a bridge.
2. In the vicinity of Svishtov there is a camp housing Greek guerrillas and refugees. The camp is guarded by Bulgarian soldiers. During the last few months many of the inmates left the camp for unknown destinations.
3. There are two or three labor camps in the marshy lands around Svishtov, one of which is located on an island in the Danube. The inmates are compelled to work on drainage ditches under adverse conditions.
4. In 1949 about three hundred and fifty dekaras of land bordering on the Gorna Orehovitsa airfield were expropriated by the Government. A small auxilliary airstrip was constructed there without concrete runways.
5. The equipment and aircraft located at Gorna Orehovitsa is of the pre-1944 era, its origin is mostly German. There is no evidence of Soviet materiel, aircraft, and personnel at the Gorna Orehovitsa airfield.
6. There is no evidence of Soviet military personnel and transports moving to or within Bulgaria.
7. Army recruits of the class of 1930 have been called up for training. No reservists have been called up for service.
8. The 19 Infantry Regiment is located at Ardino. The 7 Infantry Regiment is located at Sevlievo.
9. In spite of the dissatisfaction of the people with the Communist regime, there is no evidence of resistance within the country, overt or otherwise.

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